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1. The movement of the following Soviet troop trains were observed between 5 and 21 February:

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Date	From	To	Unit, if known
5 February	Halle Area	Ohrdruf	
6 February	Ohrdruf	Zeitz	220th Heavy Tank and SP Regiment
7 February	Saalfeld	Zeitz	316th Guards Rocket Regiment
9 February	Meiningen	Ohrdruf	117th Guards Rifle Regiment
	Glauchau	Zeitz	
10 February	Ohrdruf	Merseburg	76th Artillery Brigade
16 February	Netzebrand	Neustrelitz	
17 February	Netzebrand	Neubrandenburg	
	Netzebrand	Neustrelitz	
	Templin	Frankfurt/Oder	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Unit If Known</u>
20 February	Altengrabow	Wildpark	
	Rathenow	Fuerstenwalde	
	Rathenow	Eberswalde	
	Gross Schoenebeck	Bernau	
	Gross Schoenebeck	Eberswalde	
	Gross Schoenebeck	Freienwalde	
21 February	Riesa	Rathenow	
	Rathenow	Bernau	
	Rathenow	Eberswalde	
	Rathenow	Rostock	
	Nennhausen	Satzkorn	
	Nennhausen	Brandenburg	
	Trebbin	Kalau	
	Premnitz	Bernau	
	Rathenow	Bernau	
	Forst Zinna	Wittenberg	

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2. After an alert on 19 February, component units of the 1st Mechanized Division left the Adler and Loewen casernes in Doeberitz with tanks and artillery at 0400 hours and moved in the direction of Falkenrehde via Wustermark. Loading operations were not observed.
3. Tanks and artillery were continuously unloaded at the Neustrelitz railroad station after 15 February. On 17 February, a troop train with 22 tanks was unloaded. Tanks and trucks, some towing mortars, were observed proceeding through Mirow on 13 and 14 February. The vehicles came from the direction of Neustrelitz and proceeded toward Wittstock. At 1430 and 1500 hours on 21 February, one troop train each was observed at the Gransee and Loewenberg railroad stations. Both trains were headed in the direction of Neustrelitz. The trains were loaded with light AAA guns and the vehicles of the train observed at Gransee were identified as belonging to the IV Artillery Corps.

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4. An exercise was held about 10 kilometers northeast of Rathenow on the night of 19 to 20 February. The unit involved entrained again at Rathenow on 20 February. Sixty AT and AAA guns as well as motor vehicles of the AT artillery brigade and of the 63rd AAA Division of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army were observed. Components of the same units were loaded on one train each in Premnitz and Rathenow on 21 February. On the evening of the same day, AT units were observed in the process of entraining at Rathenow.

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5. On 10 February, ten tanks of the 36th Guards Tank Regiment of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division left the Artillerie Kaserne in Zeitz and headed toward Droyssig. On the following night, six rocket launchers and numerous trucks of this division, loaded with about 10,000 soldiers of all branches of service of the 8th Guards Army, proceeded through Zeitz. The vehicles came from the East and headed toward the South and West. twelve troop trains loaded with tanks, AT guns, and artillery passed through Zeitz during the same period. The trains came from the direction of Leipzig and proceeded toward Grossen. Many troops were bivouacked in the Zeitzer and Droyssaiger Forests.

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Comment:

It now appears

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that the exercises were held in the following areas:

- A. Schwerin-Ludwigslust area: 94th Guards Rifle Division, component units of the 8th Artillery Division, probably units of the 18th Mechanized Division and army troops of the 3rd Shock Army.
- B. Neustrelitz-Mirov area and the area north of Neuruppin: 9th Guards Tank Division with elements of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade and the 31st AAA Division.
- C. Naumen area: 1st Mechanized Division.
- D. Rathenow area: elements of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army.
- E. Grima-Riesa area: elements of the 1st Guards Mechanized Army and component units of the 68th Mortar Brigade. Two separate exercises were possibly held here.
- F. Zeitz area: 20th Guards Mechanized Division reinforced by elements of the 8th Guards Army.

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